



**Charter Review Commission**

April 22, 2010

**Minutes**

**6:30 PM**

Call to order: Mr. Ray called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:    ☒ William Bennett       ☐ Calvin Caswell       ☒ Heather Bolin  
                 ☐ Brandon Kern       ☐ Victor Paini       ☒ William Ray  
                 ☒ David Rinkes       ☒ Robert Toledo       ☒ Roger White  
                 ☒ Joe Wildenthaler       ☒ Nancy Schirm Wright

Alternates:    ☐ Beth Bayless       ☒ Robert Clark       ☐ Chris Chatfield  
                 ☐ Jennifer Nack

Also Present: ☒ Hollins

**Opening Remarks:**

- Chair Bill Ray stated that they will hear from Village staff tonight about their perspectives.

**MINUTES**

- Mr. White moved to approve the minutes from the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting; seconded by Mr. Bennett. Motion was approved with all ayes.

**New Items for Discussion:**

- **Mayor, Construction Services Administrator, Development Director, Finance Director and Public Works Director – Suggested Changes to Charter**

**Mr. Sims**, Construction Services Supervisor, stated that the provisions for contracts that Mr. Davisson spoke about at the last meeting would have a significant impact on the building construction contracts and allowing them to be completed more efficient and cost-effective. He believes it would be beneficial to have some more tools at their disposal for completing projects and the provisions that Obetz made to their Charter would be advantageous to our Village as well. Discussion ensued.

**Mr. Strayer**, Development Director, stated that there are inconsistencies within the zoning code. In 4-11B, it stated that a concurring vote of at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Council shall be needed to pass any zoning ordinance or resolution that differs from the written recommendations from the Planning Zoning Commission. Mr. Strayer states that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Council is 6 out of 7 members. He believes that to

be too high when compared with surrounding communities and suggests that it be changed to 2/3 of Council, or 5 out of 7 members. In the Zoning Code, it only states that a simple majority is needed. So, whichever is chosen, the zoning code will need revised.

**Mr. Peoples**, Public Works Director, said his changes center around page 17, section 6.05. It references the Public Works Director as a position not yet created and it is now. Updates to job titles, duties and to whom they report needs updated. Mr. Peoples had a paper outlining the changes that need made. Discussion ensued.

**Ms. Osborn**, Finance Director, stated that Price Finley, of Bricker & Eckler, is an attorney that handles bond counsel for the Village. He has made a recommendation and Ms. Osborn wanted to share why that recommendation is important. He is recommending that we include, in the charter, one of the alternatives that he sent as section 8.03. It would be added to the 8<sup>th</sup> section of the Charter, which is the section of Finance, Taxation and Debt. He is suggesting that the Charter give Council the authority to issue debt over and above the statutory limit that Ohio has placed on communities. Ms. Osborn went on to explain the reasoning and extensive discussion ensued.

She added, in Section 6.04-B, the fourth sentence needs amended. It states that the Finance Director may not hold any other office. Ms. Osborn asks that “unless authorized by Council” be added into that sentence. Discussion ensued.

**Mayor Ebert** gave his approval of the changes proposed by staff.

- **Work Groups**

The commission broke up into groups to discuss their assigned issues. Multiple discussions ensued.

**Old/New Business:**

- Next Meeting Date – Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:30 PM

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Wildenthaler moved to adjourn this meeting of the Charter Review Commission and was seconded by Mr. White.

Motion passed with all ayes. Time out – 8:25pm